

**Amendments to the Specification:**

*Please add the following new paragraph after the title of the invention and before field of the invention:*

- - This is a divisional application of United States Patent Application No. 09/741,828 filed December 22, 2000. - -

*Please add the following new section entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings" before the heading entitled "Detailed Description of the Invention" as follows:*

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Fig 1 is flow diagram according to an embodiment of the invention for updating contact information;

Fig 2 is a flow diagram according to an embodiment of the invention for updating contact information in which a reply in the form of a facsimile message is sent;

Fig 2a is a representative of a form for receiving contact information;

Fig 3a is a simplified flow diagram according to an embodiment of the invention for use with the Internet;

Fig 3b is flow diagram according to an embodiment of the invention in which a user and a contact communicate via an Internet server;

Fig 4 is flow diagram according to an embodiment of the invention that demonstrates a method of automating a reply process;

Fig 5 is a flow diagram according to an embodiment of the invention in which a user contact database is updated and a user system acts as a server; and,

Fig 6 is a flow diagram according to an embodiment of the invention demonstrating a method of providing updated contact information automatically.